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Orphans win our hearts, but female stereotypes — not so much

Orphans
Venue 17
Lyle Kessler's Orphans is a rich bouillabaisse borrowing elements of Lord of the Flies, Waiting for Godot, almost anything by Sam Shepard, and the mythology of Adam and Eve. Two orphans — the elder Treat, desperately in need of anger management, and the younger Phillip, cloistered by his belief in the fatality of his own allergies — share a mugging-to-mouth existence in North Philadelphia.

When chance, and Treat's belief that he has successfully kidnapped a rich man, sends them the worldly Harold, the brothers' tiny world cannot survive the encounter. Justin Fry seethes as the barely contained emotional wreck that is Treat. The first time AJ McCulloch's Phillip looks longingly at his empty jar of Hellmann's mayonnaise, you can almost hear his tapeworm singing him a lullaby and imagine the depth of his daily canned-tuna-induced fragility.

If I have any recommendations for co-directors Kevin Ramberran and Thomas Toles, it would merely be to have Fry and McCulloch grasp more firmly to their characters during their scene changes. Bill Kerr's maintenance of Harold through his signature lounge-lizard crooning makes his time in the dark natural and seamless. This is strong work all around.

JOHN SADOWAY/CBC REVIEW CREW

This Town
Venue 1
Our Town by way of David Lynch, this two-person/multiple-character comedy is a satisfyingly twisted take on small-town life.

The unnamed title town is "a nice place to hang one's hat," even though the local pie-maker/cat lady has died a mysterious death, and the town's denizens include a mulleted gun nut, a conspiracy-minded librarian, and a woman convinced fairies scratch her lottery tickets.

Yes, it's all a little kooky. And we get various takes from these screwball characters on who the pie-maker really was — and what did her in. But the characters are the focus here, and writer/performer Carol Lee Sirugo and Jonathan Kaplan bring each to life vividly, and often with hilarious results.

JOFF SCHMIDT/CBC REVIEW CREW

Daves of Their Lives
Venue 2
Sadly, the afternoon soap opera is fading from the pop-culture landscape. Sadder still, this tired satire refuses to let the genre go in peace.

Daves of Their Lives is a mock soap that aims for camp but winds up lame. Written by Winnipegger Dale Watts, it revolves around an unhappy parking lot attendant and the women who complicate his life, drink too much and cat-fight each other. (Yes, unflattering female stereotypes that mostly died in daytime drama years ago are still alive and well in Watts' world — with zero irony.) The actors are extremely poorly cast and most of the laugh lines are way too punny ("I'd be happy to pack the bags under your eyes") to be laugh-out-loud funny.

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Folklorama held a media kickoff for the 42nd edition of the festival on Thursday afternoon with performances and celebrations under the canopy at The Forks. This year's Folklorama, which officially kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 5, with a free show from 4 to 11 p.m. at The Forks, features 43 pavilions from around the world. It runs until Aug. 18 and admission to each pavilion is $6. LAUREN PARSONS/FOR METRO

Suspect held in latest homicide

Arrest. Police say dispute over drugs led to stabbing death

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Winnipeg police have made an arrest in the city's latest homicide.

Cherie Lynn Richard, 20, of Winnipeg was found stabbed in front of an apartment in the 500 block of Furby Street early Sunday morning.

Despite attempts by neighbours to save her, Richard was taken to hospital in life-threatening condition, where she later died.

Derrick Mark Sanderson, 22, was arrested in downtown Winnipeg Wednesday afternoon and is charged with second-degree murder and breach of probation.

A woman living in a home across the street, who didn't want her name used in print, told Metro at the scene Sunday she was awoken around 5:30 a.m. to the victim's screams.

"She was just a little thing," said the neighbour, who had helped give the victim CPR before an ambulance arrived. "That poor kid.... It's unbelievable. She died in front of me."

Police said the victim and another woman, identified as her sister by neighbours, were in the area around 5:30 a.m. when they were approached by a man and two women. Police allege Richard was stabbed after a verbal altercation took place over drugs. The witness who'd rushed to help the victim told Metro on Sunday she heard a man yelling about money leading up to the attack.

Police said Thursday Richard and the accused were not known to each other. The homicide is Winnipeg's 19th of the year.

The investigation continues, and police said further arrests are not being contemplated at this time.

Quoted

"She was just a little thing. That poor kid.... It's unbelievable."

A woman who lives across the street from the murder scene

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Balmy days (and nights) call for a leisurely walk down our city streets. Why not get out and about beyond your own neighbourhood? Here are five local lanes you might want to visit during your next meander.

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5 streets worth a summer stroll

1

Sherbrook

Sherbrook is booming with business, laughs and life. Wedged between bustling downtown and beautiful Wolseley, the street offers a cozy streetscape for passersby. Stop in for lunch at The Nook, meet up with friends at Cousins Deli and try some of Stella's pastries, fresh from their bakery.

5

Corydon

The place to see and be seen in Winnipeg, Corydon's streets are lined with merchants, packed patios and boutiques. Summers on Corydon Avenue are headlined by weekly street concerts, gelato and soakin' in the sun over dinner at Saffron's, Bar Italia or Colosseo. Little Italy's murals and character buildings are a colourful background for the non-stop action.

2

Wellington

Wellington Crescent's walking path is ideal for a relaxing stroll in the shade. Large trees shelter this Sunday favourite (closed to traffic, except local) from the bright sun. The winding path and gravel road lead you to Assiniboine Park, where you can admire Leo Mol's sculptures, ride the Steam Train or play in the Children's Garden.

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Scotia

This little nook that runs along the Red River leads you straight into Kildonan Park for a visit to the Witch's Hut (after a small detour on Ord Street.) Enjoy the backdrop of small parks and quiet waterfront properties while you take in the air on a relaxing walk, run or ride.

3

Selkirk

Once the heart of a thriving North End, Selkirk Avenue is a mix of old-time small businesses and new developments. Grab lunch at The Windmill restaurant or take home some freshly baked buns from Gunn's Bakery, open since 1937.

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Danny Kleinsasser, owner of Danny's Whole Hog BBQ, and son Isaiah, 13, celebrate the opening of Danny's BBQ & Smokehouse and Buck's Sports Lounge. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Bombers fans get a sneak peek at Buck's restaurant

Partnership. Danny's Whole Hog owner and Bombers QB 'passionate' about food

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Winnipeg Blue Bomber Buck Pierce and Danny's Whole Hog BBQ want to make their new restaurant part of Bombers fans' game-day experience.

Danny Kleinsasser and Buck Pierce have teamed up to open a brand new BBQ restaurant at 1747 Ellice Ave., and will host tailgate parties before Bombers home games.

The restaurant opened for the very first time Thursday before the Bombers' home opener. Pork sandwiches were given away to those in attendance.

"We are having a sneak peak at the restaurant today starting at 3 p.m.," said Kleinsasser Thursday morning. "We're not ready for the full menu just yet but should be by sometime next week."

Kleinsasser said he's excited for the partnership with Pierce.

"We are two passionate guys. We're passionate about food and passionate about the community. Buck is very excited and an important ambassador for the community," he added.

Kleinsasser said the restaurant will be closed on Friday and the weekend, but should be open next week. The grand opening is expected later this summer.

Crime

Man arrested in AIR1 laser strike

A 19-year-old Winnipeg man is facing charges after a laser was pointed at a WPS helicopter and its crew late Wednesday.

The AIR1 pilot took evasive action to protect the eyes of the flight crew from the laser. METRO

Crime

Two arrested for assault

A man and woman have been arrested after a woman was assaulted with a weapon at a North End home Wednesday.

Lori Nadine Sinclair, 26, of Winnipeg is facing charges including assault with a weapon and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose. A 23-year-old man from rural Manitoba is also facing multiple charges. METRO

Photo scandal. Judge's inquiry may be halted over bias complaint

The inquiry into a Manitoba judge whose nude photos appeared on the Internet may be halted over complaints that the inquiry committee is biased.

Sheila Block, the lawyer representing Manitoba Justice Lori Douglas, said Thursday that questions from the inquiry committee have amounted to "withering, rapid-fire, aggressive cross-examination."

"It revealed one-side views. They were not follow-up, clarifying questions," Block said.

"The remedy ... is that the committee should stand down and terminate these proceedings."

The inquiry by the Canadian Judicial Council includes the chief justices of three other provinces. It is examining whether Douglas, an associate chief justice in the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, should lose her job because of a controversy that began when her husband, Jack King, harassed a client.

In 2003, when Douglas and King were family-law lawyers at the same firm, King uploaded sexually explicit photos of Douglas to a website dedicated to interracial sex and said his wife was looking for a black partner. He also emailed photos to a client named Alexander Chapman, who is black, and asked him to have sex with Douglas.

Chapman complained to the law firm and King settled the matter within weeks by paying Chapman $25,000 to return all the photos and to never discuss the matter. Chapman broke that deal in 2010 and complained to the judicial council, insisting Douglas was part of the sexual harassment.

Douglas and King have said King did everything without her knowledge.

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Shooting victims with no insurance face big medical bills

Colorado. An unknown number of the injured still face long recovery and associated costs

Some of the victims fighting for their lives after being wounded in last week's Colorado theatre rampage may face enormous medical bills without the benefit of health insurance.

The U.S. doesn't have universal health coverage, though hospitals are required by federal law to stabilize patients during emergencies without regard to their ability to pay.

The Obama administration's health care overhaul would cover millions more uninsured, but Republicans strongly object to its cost.

Members of the public have contributed nearly $2 million US to help victims, including the Warner Bros. studio that released the Batman movie that was showing when the gunman opened fire. But it's not clear how much of that money will cover medical expenses.

One victim's family is already raising money online. And three of the five hospitals treating victims said Wednesday they will limit or completely wipe out medical bills.

An unknown number of the victims, however, still face a long recovery and the associated medical costs without health insurance.

Nearly one in three Coloradans, or about 1.5 million, either have no health insurance or have coverage that is inadequate, according to a 2011 report by The Colorado Trust, a health care advocacy group.

The highest uninsured rate is among adults between 18 and 34. Many victims are in that age group.

Among the uninsured victims is a 23-year-old aspiring comic, Caleb Medley, who is in critical condition with a head wound. His wife, Katie, gave birth to their first child on Tuesday.

His family and friends said they have set a goal of raising $500,000 to cover his hospital bills and other expenses and were more than halfway there Wednesday.

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Unsettling connection

- Warner Bros. has moved the release of Gangster Squad to January after the film's climactic cinema shootout scene drew comparisons to the Aurora, Colo., shooting. Gangster Squad chronicles a bloody 1940s battle between Los Angeles police and mobsters. It culminates in a scene where gangsters shoot automatic weapons into a crowded movie theatre from behind the screen.

Bonnie Kate Pourciau, 18, a victim of the Aurora theatre shooting, speaks from her hospital bed Wednesday, alongside her mother, Kathleen, and father, Trace. ANDY CROSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jun Lin's mother feels sympathy for son's murderer

Daran Lin breaks down on the urn bearing the remains of his son during funeral services in Montreal, Thursday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's a word the mother of dismembered Chinese student Jun Lin never thought she'd associate with the man charged with murdering her son in brutal fashion: Sympathy.

Originally, sorrow and anger dominated Zhigui Du's thoughts as she asked herself how such an appalling thing could happen to her son in a kind and peaceful country like Canada.

But as she laid her 33-year-old son to rest Thursday, Du said she has begun to feel sympathy on some level toward a man she calls the "devil."

"Back then, I could only use 'devil' to describe the alleged murderer," said Du, whose son's gruesome murder captured worldwide attention. "But later on, when I learned more about this suspect through different news sources, especially about his upbringing, I shockingly discovered my other self who has started to develop sympathy for this person described as 'devil.'"

Du, who was too distraught to attend the funeral itself, made the remarks through an interpreter during an eulogy she gave at a later news conference.

Lin's dismembered torso was found May 29 stuffed in a suitcase dumped outside a Montreal apartment building. Various body parts were found mailed to different parts of the country and in a Montreal park.

Luka Rocco Magnotta has pleaded not guilty to several charges in connection with Lin's death, including a count of first-degree murder.

Any sympathy on Thursday was mixed with a healthy dose of grief and sadness as Lin's family said their final farewells.

They decided to bury their son's remains in the land he loved and in the city he loved most.

In an emotional 30-minute ceremony, Lin's father sobbed openly as he sat in the front row. Before the ceremony began, he entered the chamber and clutched his son's urn, crying uncontrollably.

Father Henry Rodriguez, who presided over the funeral, called Lin a loving and considerate son who loved life. His life was ended by an "evil act."

"We need to take this opportunity to turn this horrible situation into something positive that brings justice and peace back to this family and to society," Rodriguez said.

"We cannot lose our faith and trust in human beings."

Du looked back fondly on the day her son left China. "When he left China and came to Canada to study, he wanted us to say goodbye with our smiles," she said.

"And today, I think it's time to wipe our tears and see our son go with smiles on our face." She said it was "very difficult" to say goodbye to him.

"But I have been waiting for this day to come, because my son can finally rest in peace in the land that he loves."

The family says they hope to establish a charity foundation in Lin's honour that will help young people in distress. Du said it's a way for the family to give back.

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Washington

Gun debate shot

The White House made clear Thursday that new legislation on gun control will not be on the political agenda this election year, as President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney engaged in their most extensive discussions on the issue since last week's Colorado theatre shootings. Their comments revived a sensitive debate that has faded to the background in national politics and been virtually nonexistent in this year's close presidential race. While Obama called for tougher background checks on Americans trying to buy a gun, he is not pushing for new gun-control legislation.

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Omar Khadr

Hopes of avoiding a trial were denied

Two years before the plea deal that was supposed to mean his quick exit from Guantanamo Bay, Omar Khadr offered to plead guilty to terrorism charges in Canada in exchange for a relatively lenient sentence and speedy transfer to Canada, documents show. The offer was one of two proposals Khadr's lawyers put to military commission authorities in 2008 in hopes of avoiding a trial. The convening authority rejected both out of hand. Ottawa's subsequent delay in allowing his transfer to a Canadian prison to serve out his sentence has drawn fierce criticism from Khadr's supporters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tattoo trouble

Woman loses strip-search fight

A Montreal woman who was strip-searched by border agents looking for a pink tattoo has lost her legal bid for compensation — and hope for changes to vetting procedures. It's the latest twist in Sylvie Menard's three-year fight. In a recent judgment, the Quebec Superior Court dismissed her challenge, saying authorities had reasonable justification to act as they did. The saga began in April 2009 when Menard, who had never run afoul of the law, flew home from a Mexico vacation to an unsettling encounter with airport authorities. A computer said her name matched that of a suspected criminal.

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Most remaining Zellers stores to close their doors

Hudson's Bay Co.
Parent company says running the last 64 locations is no longer viable

Zellers stores may soon join now-defunct Canadian chains as a relic of the retail past after its parent company said Thursday it will close most of the 64 remaining locations, affecting up to 6,400 jobs.

Hudson's Bay Co. — Zellers Inc.'s parent company — has been contemplating what to do with the brand since last year when it sold the majority of the leases for its 279 discount stores to Target Corp. for $1.83 billion.

Spokeswoman Tiffany Bourré said Zellers is "considering options" for certain locations, including "rebranding some stores" — a determination that has yet to be made.

Zellers, which offers everything from housewares to hosiery, has faced an onslaught of competition from large U.S. retailers in recent years, most notably from Walmart, which has been expanding into a one-stop destination with dry-cleaning services and a full suite of groceries.

Zellers was one of the last remaining large Canadian discount retailers after the Woolco, BiWay and Bargain Harold's brands became extinct years ago. The company said it operates 64 stores that were not acquired by Target, or were already slated for closure.

Zellers has been a key part of the Hudson Bay portfolio since 1978, emerging as the company's discount retail subsidiary by offering clothing and household items at lower price points. It remained in the HBC fold as the company refocused its efforts on its core retail business in the 1980s and 1990s.

In recent years the company has made efforts to revitalize its Bay stores, hiring former Holt Renfrew executive Bonnie Brooks as chief executive officer, introducing high-end boutique spaces in its Toronto flagship store, and securing the rights to produce uniforms and merchandise for Canada's Olympic athletes.

The sale of Zellers stores to Target has been discussed since at least 2004, when Target was rumoured to be in talks with Hudson's Bay Co. to buy its Zellers stores. HBC has said it plans to use the proceeds from the sale to pay down debt and "spend aggressively" on its other brands, including the Bay and Home Outfitters, as well as Lord & Taylor's in the U.S., adding that an initial public offering of the revamped company is "a very possible scenario."

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Leasehold interests

Target plans to open 125 to 135 stores in Canada. It has purchased the leasehold interests of 189 sites currently operated by Zellers Inc. and it says about $10 million to $11 million will be invested to remodel each facility.

- The U.S. retailer is poised to begin opening the first of the stores acquired from Hudson's Bay Co. next year.

Google

Kansas City Internet going warp speed

Google Inc. revealed Thursday what it will charge for its long-awaited, ultra-fast "gigabit" Internet service in Kansas City, about 100 times faster than a basic cable modem: $70 US per month. The service is intended as a showcase for what's technically possible. Bypassing the local cable and phone companies, Google has spent months and an unknown amount of money pulling its own optical fibre through the Kansas City region.

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Consumer training camp?

Apple worker Tiffany White leads Camp Apple at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday. At the three-day camp, students ages eight to 12 learn how to shoot their own footage, create an original song in GarageBand on an iPad, and put it all together in iMovie on a Mac. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REALITY BITES FOR SULLIED SNOW WHITE

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
Metro

1 **Olympic insecurity.** There's about one soldier for every athlete ready to take part in the 2012 London Games. At least I think they're ready. On a visit to London, U.S. presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who organized the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, said the last-minute security issues in London were "disturbing." That prompted U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to retort that anybody can organize the Olympic Games "in the middle of nowhere." England 1, Tea Party 0.

2 **Love bites.** Robert Pattinson is "heartbroken and angry" (says a source) and has moved out of the Beverly Hills home he shared with Kristen Stewart, his Twilight co-star, after she was caught biting someone else's neck. The other party was not a werewolf, but the director of Stewart's latest movie Snow White and the Huntsman — an entirely different kind of predator.

3 **Speaking of bats.** Christian Bale, whose Batman series may have inspired James Holmes to allegedly murder a dozen innocent moviegoers, shows he, at least, understands the difference between reality and illusion by turning up at the bedsides of the survivors and attending memorial services for the dead. Holmes, meanwhile, ain't even close: He reportedly keeps asking his jailer how the movie ends. With any luck, he'll spend eternity in hell still wondering.

4 **The war between Alberta and B.C.** The nation is mesmerized as the two western-most premiers duke it out over royalties and risk regarding the yet-to-be-approved Enbridge pipeline carrying Alberta oilsands oil across B.C. to port for Asian customers. B.C.'s Christy Clark wants less risk and more royalties; Alberta's Alison Redford says: Bite me! Are we beginning to sense a theme here?

5 **In other CO_2 news,** Greenland melts. As in 97 per cent of the ice sheet covering the island. The last time than happened was 1889. On May 29, the temperature at the southern weather station reached 24.8 C, a record. If the whole ice cap melts, sea levels will rise by seven metres. But not to worry, global warming's some kind of elaborate hoax. Easy to say, unless you live on the coast.

6 **In other H_2O news.** Lucky Larry, the 17-pound lobster, has been saved. After surviving anywhere between 70 and 100 years, Lucky Larry was unlucky enough to end up on the menu at a restaurant in Connecticut, drawing local gawkers who wanted to laugh and point before his Last Bath. But "good lobsterian" Don MacKenzie saved Larry and set him free, invoking the sanity claws.

7 **They call the judge "Mariah."** Mariah Carey replaces Jennifer Lopez as a judge on American Idol, which is only fitting, as she's the one responsible for the legions of competing copycat divas who pretend to play the microphone like a trumpet and lard their vocals with overblown, unnecessary runs and trills. Mother Carey's chickens come home to roost.

8 **Speaking of birds.** It's hard to believe, but Twitter went down Thursday right in the middle of all the above exciting stuff, probably because everyone was tweeting about Robert and Kristen's vampire games. For about an hour, no birds sang. And then, of course, the most popular topic was #WhenTwitterWasDown … after it went up.

9 **BieberWatch.** Justin, as part of his maturity project, has gotten a new tattoo following the release of his latest album, Believe. Why am I thinking about that great line from Finding Nemo? "I think I just inked myself." Well, what else could he do? Twitter was down.

Planet Earth as a canvas

Earth photography

Photo of island and luminous plankton wins public vote

In this amazing island-and-sea photograph, you can almost see Van Gogh's famous painting The Starry Night. The image of greenish phytoplankton swirling around Gotland, a Swedish island in the Baltic Sea, was voted by the public as the top image from NASA's Earth as Art collection. The collection is based on more than 40 years' worth of images from the space agency's Earth-observation satellites.

Since 1972, NASA's Landsat earth-observing program has become a vital reference worldwide for understanding scientific issues related to land use and natural resources.

Beyond the scientific information they supply, some Landsat images are simply striking to look at, presenting spectacular views of mountains, valleys and islands as well as forests, grasslands and agricultural patterns.

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Q & A

'Great combination of colours and patterns'

In your opinion, what made this particular photo a winning one?
This image of Gotland — acquired in July 2005 — was a particularly popular one thanks to its great combination of colours and patterns.

What is also noteworthy — and especially so for biologists — concerns the blooms of phytoplankton. These microscopic organisms contain a green chlorophyll pigment they use to generate nutrients with the help of sunlight. But in this area near Gotland, the clutters of phytoplankton are very unusual.

RONALD BECK
Public information specialist at Landsat

Vincent van Gogh's The Starry Night is one of the Dutch artist's most iconic and globally recognizable works. GOOGLE ART PROJECT

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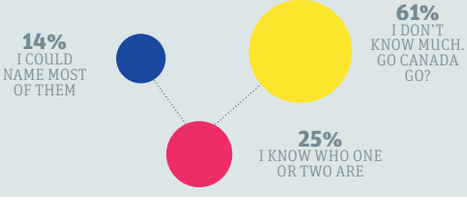

Twitter

@AlannaFalk: Going to work today there was a big group of geese crossing Pembina, at the crosswalk! This guy ran over to help guide them! I love #winnipeg

@LorenzGolf: One year anniversary of Coach Harris' untimely passing. Hope the Bombers can make the big man proud tonight. #goblue

@Nadia_Cheer: Game day! Go Bombers! Awesome football, awesome cheerleading, awesome fans! Go Blue!#winnipeg #GoBombers

@gregglatz: That was not nearly enough rain for my rain barrel. #Winnipeg

@WpgTaryn: This is a tweet complaining about the lack of parking downtown. #youvehearditbefore #winnipeg

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The Watch shifts from police procedural to comedy to alien invasion. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Scripts that go clunk in the night

The Watch. Three of the funniest guys around can't even save this lacklustre comedy

Richard: Mark, The Watch mixes and matches an alien invasion story with a police procedural story and comedy in the same way that it throws together its three over the title stars, Stiller, Hill and Vaughn. That is to say, sloppily. It hopes to win audiences by giving them a little of everything, but feels like the cinematic equivalent of an unmade bed. Luckily newcomer (to us anyway) Richard Ayoade spices things up.

Mark: Richard, I didn't even like this movie when it was called Ghostbusters. And that movie had an iconic cast and was very much of its moment. But this flick feels so ripped off that even the colour of the slime is the same. Yes, Ayoade is good, and I hope to see him in a better movie soon. And Vince Vaughan can't help but be funny. But you're right about the sloppiness of the whole enterprise. Every scene and every character has a different tone, resulting in a tone-deaf comedy. I don't think I laughed once.

RC: I liked this more than you think. I laughed, but the giggles didn't come as the result of a well-crafted script or an intelligent diction. They come because this crew of veterans knows how to suck a laugh out of almost anything. Vaughn made me laugh here and there, but his fast-talking act wore thin for me a long time ago. Ditto Stiller and Hill and their trademarks. I was happy to have a breath of fresh air in the form of Ayoade, who can make a throwaway line like, "That was stressful," the funniest gag in the film.

MB: Yes, we're dealing with comedy pros here. The acting isn't the problem. The script — even the idea of the script — is. This wheezy contraption felt completely fake, especially at the end when the movie turns violent. I mean, come on, is anyone in the theatre supposed to be scared of the aliens? Or care about the "heroes?" This is Hollywood committee writing at its worst, Richard, and you know it!

RC: I agree, but if you go in like I did, with low to no expectations, you'll laugh occasionally. Not loudly, and not often, but you'll laugh. If it is alien comedy that you're after, however, you may be better off renting Paul, starring Nick Frost, Simon Pegg and a foul mouthed ET.

MB: Or Galaxy Quest or even Earth Girls are Easy. I think if this had been a pure comedy, or even a pure thriller, I might have enjoyed it, but it's a hybrid in which the two genres cancel each other out. At least Ghostbusters knew it was silly.

Synopsis

When a security guard is found skinned alive at a Costco, the store's manager Evan (Ben Stiller) vows to find his employee's killer. To get the job done he starts a Neighborhood Watch with three misfit volunteers from the community. Bob (Vince Vaughn) is a manchild with a wild child daughter. Franklin (Jonah Hill) is a psycho cop wannabe and Jamarkus (Richard Ayoade) joined because he hopes it will help him meet women. They discover the killer may not be of this planet!

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Mark: ●○○○○

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Drama/Music

Step Up Revolution

Director. Scott Speer

Stars. Ryan Guzman, Kathryn McCormick

This installment of the franchise is now transported to Miami and introduces an entirely new cast. A local dance crew stages spontaneous routines on the city's streets in the hopes of winning a viral video challenge. But when a developer threatens to tear down their neighbourhood, the tycoon's own daughter shows her new friends that their fancy footwork can be used to save their area from destruction. Once again, the dance sequences are spectacular. But can't we please get a movie that offers more than your average music video?

IAN GORMELY

Drama

Beasts of the Southern Wild

Director. Benh Zeitlin

Stars. Quevenzhane Wallis, Dwight Henry

This critically praised indie is shot with a poet's eye but it's not poetry. Director Benh Zeitlin's debut slams together artful mysticism and calculated naturalism to create a dubious sort of hybrid. Six-year-old Quevenzhane Wallis holds the fort as a motherless sprite endangered by a storm but the other characters are blurry and the relentless reaching for "powerful" effects grows tiring by the end.

ADAM NAYMAN

Luke Skywalker joins the dark side in crime flick

Sushi Girl. Sadistic thief role allowed Mark Hamill to play the bad guy – and he enjoyed every minute

Mark Hamill is a pop culture icon — and now a sadistic robber in his latest film. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Star Wars could have been a lot different if Mark Hamill had picked his role.

"I remember reading Star Wars and thinking, boy, I wish I could be playing Darth Vader — that's the part,' " Hamill said.

There was never any question of that, however, and he went on to become a pop culture icon as plucky Luke Skywalker, the intrepid space adventurer who helps derail the evil Vader's plans for galactic domination in three Star Wars films.

Hamill's latest role is a galaxy away from the earnest Skywalker. In Sushi Girl, a crime noir flick having its international premiere at Montreal's Fantasia Film Festival, he plays Crow, a sadistic robber who inflicts pain with all the nonchalance of a chat between Skywalker and his robot pal R2D2.

"Every actor wants to push the envelope and explore the extremes on both sides," Hamill said, calling Skywalker "an icon of virtue."

But playing villains has proven lucrative for him too, with one of the most notable being his over-the-top vocal interpretation of The Joker in the animated Batman TV series and video games.

"It was a great kick to be cast as The Joker because he's an icon 180 degrees away from Luke," Hamill said, agreeing it's often more enjoyable to play the villain than the hero.

"You're messing up the chance for good to succeed and that's a lot of fun."

In Sushi Girl, Hamill teams with a roster of horror and action movie stars including James Duval from Donnie Darko, serial heavy Andy Mackenzie (Shoot 'Em Up), Michael Biehn, who duked it out with Arnold Schwarzenegger in The Terminator, and Tony Todd, who chilled filmgoers in The Candyman and has appeared on various TV shows including 24.

Todd said the script for Sushi Girl reminded him of other prominent genre films such as Asphalt Jungle and The Killing, which Hamill calls his favourite Stanley Kubrick movie.

"I just wanted to get away from the career wearing prosthetics and hooks on my hands and have a role that was 100 per cent," said Todd, adding he saw the crime flick as a chance to "take things to another level."

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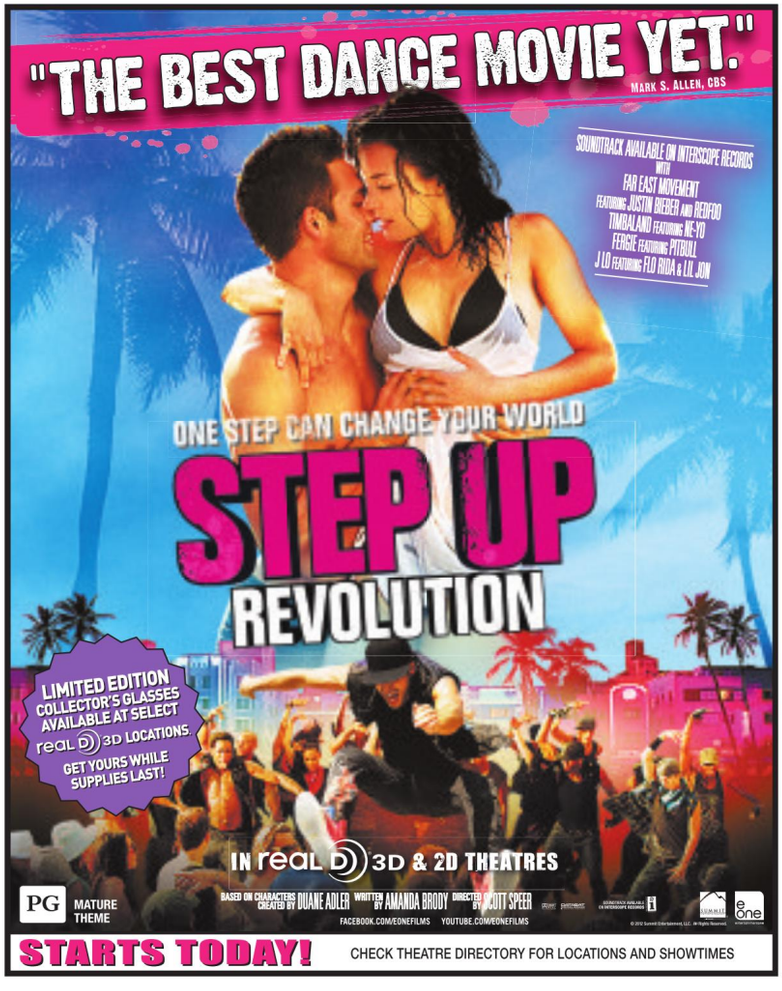

Lone Ranger remains a sore spot for some

Johnny Depp, left, as Tonto. PETER MOUNTAIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gyasi Ross grew up decades after the Lone Ranger aired on TV, but his friends would still call him Tonto when they teased him.

"Everybody understands who Tonto is, even if we hadn't seen the show, and we understood it wasn't a good thing," said Ross, a member of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana who lives and has family in the Suquamish Tribe, outside Seattle.

"Why else would you tease someone with that?"

The making of a new Lone Ranger Disney movie, and the announcement that Johnny Depp is playing sidekick Tonto, have reawakened feelings about a character that has drawn much criticism over the years as being a Hollywood creation guilty of spreading stereotypes.

The film is still in production, but Indian Country has been abuzz about it for months, with many sharing opinions online and a national Native publication running an occasional series on the topic.

Some Native Americans welcome the new movie, which is slated for release next summer. Parts were filmed on the Navajo Nation with the tribe's support, and an Oklahoma tribe recently made Depp an honorary member.

But for others, the Lone Ranger represents a lingering sore spot — one that goes back to the 1950s television version of Tonto, who spoke in broken English, wore buckskin and lacked any real cultural traits.

Depp's role attracted particular attention in April when producer Jerry Bruckheimer tweeted a picture of the actor in his Tonto costume. He had on black and white face paint, an intense gaze, a black bird attached to his head and plenty of decorative feathers.

"The moment it hit my Facebook newsfeed, the updates from my friends went nutso," wrote Natanya Ann Pulley, a doctorate student at University of Utah, in an essay for the online magazine McSweeney's.

For Pulley and her friends, the portrayal of Native Americans in Western movies is getting old.

"I'm worried about the Tonto figure becoming a parody or a commercialized figure that doesn't have any dimension or depth. Or consideration for contemporary context of Native Americans," she said.

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The Hunger Games (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
The Pirates! Band of Misfits (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:30
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Snow White and the Huntsman (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:10
Take This Waltz (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:50
That's My Boy (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30

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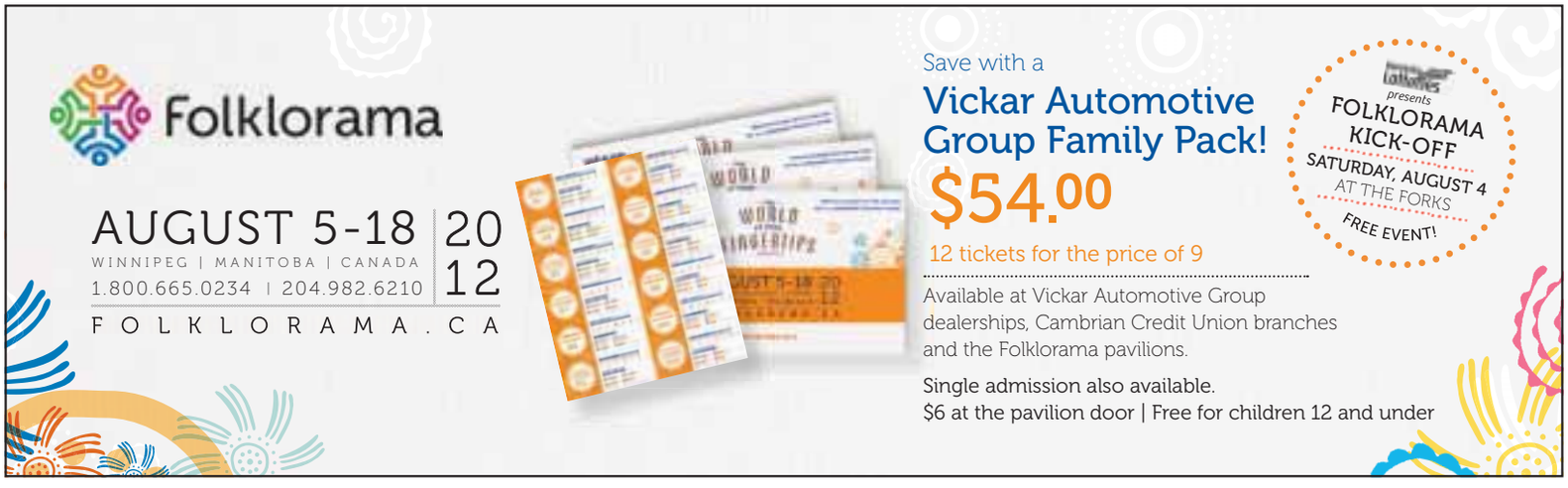

Travis Wall has All the Right Moves

Dancing days. Emmy-nominated choreographer brought his talent, and drama, to TCA press tour

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

The work of Travis Wall is everywhere. The young dancer is choreographing routines on the current season of Fox's So You Think You Can Dance; his moves are featured in the film Step Up Revolution, hitting theatres Friday; and on Tuesday, his mission to found the dance company Shaping Sound with his friends is documented on the new Oxygen reality series, All the Right Moves.

The 24-year-old SYTYCD veteran — he was the runner-up on the competition's second season — has, undeniably, become a bankable name in the dance world.

That notoriety doesn't always sit well with his pals — including Shaping Sound co-founders Nick Lazzarini, winner of the first season of SYTYCD, and Teddy Forance, who has performed with Lady Gaga and Janet Jackson — which makes Wall's story perfect for a docu-series. Artistry and drama collide in every episode.

"When we were getting things kicked off, I definitely took the leadership role," Wall said of his group at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Wednesday. "And through the season, we definitely see control struggles. Our egos are definitely tested."

From episode one there is concern over the shadow Wall's spotlight may cast on his partners, particularly after the suggestion is made to rename the company Travis Wall's Shaping Sound.

"That was not the intention of starting this dance company, to throw my name on it," Wall insisted.

Instead, Wall hopes Shaping Sound, whose co-founders were just nominated for an Emmy for their choreography on Dancing with the Stars, receives even more widespread recognition for their talent.

"Our goal in the entire series is to ... tour the United States with our dance company," Wall said.

"We can pay our dancers. We can travel the country together, have fun, party, dance, and just have the time of our lives."

Dancer Travis Wall speaks onstage at the All The Right Moves panel during the 2012 Summer TCA Tour in California. FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

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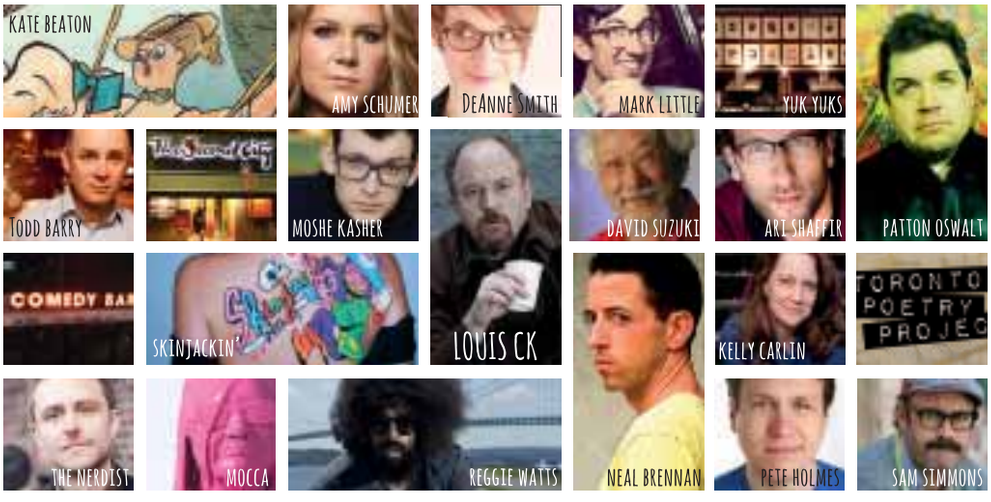

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Katherine Jackson. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Katherine's lawyer vows to get her reinstated as guardian

The Jackson family's recent dispute seems to be at least partially resolved, as Katherine Jackson has been reunited with her grandchildren.

"Grandma's here!" Paris Jackson, her 14-year-old granddaughter, posted to Twitter.

Katherine, who is legal guardian for Paris and her two brothers — children of the late Michael Jackson — was reported missing after she was spirited away to Arizona to rest without her grandchildren being notified. The kids' cousin, TJ Jackson, was granted temporary custody this week, but now that Katherine is back she intends to regain custody, according to Hollyscoop.

"This is creating some havoc that we need to nip in the bud," her lawyer, Perry Sanders, says.

"I intend to get her immediately reinstated as the guardian."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Pattinson relationship heading to its Twilight

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Not surprisingly, Robert Pattinson has packed up and left the Los Angeles home he shared with Kristen Stewart. This comes after Us Weekly published photos of his girlfriend and Twilight co-star in the midst of a not-so-discreet fling with director Rupert Sanders.

Although Stewart issued a weepy public appeal for forgiveness, it appears Pattinson isn't having any of it — maybe because, like Us Weekly, he noticed that the L.A. Dodgers hat she was wearing in the photos looks suspiciously similar to one he's frequently spotted in.

"I'm not sure they'll be able to recover from this," a source associated with Twilight tells People magazine, adding that Pattinson isn't in contact with Stewart and "is heartbroken and angry."

Tell us, source, how does Kristen feel?

"Kristen really loves Rob more than anything," they continue.

"He's all that matters to her right now."

There's plenty more to come from this: Stewart is reportedly preparing to personally apologize to Sanders' wife, and the final Twilight circus doesn't hit theatres until November.

In other words: If we have to feel like a sleazy Cheaters B-team crew, so do you, so try to sit back and enjoy the ride.

Jeremy Renner

Renner not prepared for what popped up

Jeremy Renner doesn't have the best luck with flights, he tells Jimmy Kimmel during an interview.

"A lot of times when I'm on the plane, I have to sleep. And I'm not a good sleeper on the plane," the Bourne Legacy star explains. "I had to fly from London to Los Angeles for dinner, and then get right back on a plane to London. ... Somebody gave me some pills, like Ambien. So I took a little sleeping pill, popped it and realized nothing's happening — but something else was happening!"

Renner soon realized he had accidentally taken a Viagra pill instead.

"Not only did I not sleep the entire flight, but there was ... 'camping' ... happening," he says. "The flight attendants were sort of in on the joke. They were like, 'Can we get you anything, Mr. Renner?'"

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@kirstiealley
Good Morning!!!! Kayaking today???! This should be good..Oh Lawd

@IMKristenBell
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Keeping things cool

Cherry Cola Shaved Ice

- Four 12-oz cans cola soda (6 cans are needed if making granita)
- 12-oz bag frozen cherries, thawed
- Chopped maraschino cherries, to garnish

1. In saucepan over high heat, bring cola to a boil. Use caution and stir regularly until the foam subsides. Boil until mix reduced to 1 cup, about 20 minutes.

2. In blender, purée cherries until smooth. Stir the cherries into the reduced cola and cook for another 2 minutes. Strain mix through fine mesh strainer, discarding solids. Allow to cool. Refrigerate until using.

3. To use with shaved ice, drizzle a bit of the syrup over a cone or bowl of ice, then garnish with chopped maraschino cherries.

Granita option: Stir 2 more 12-oz cans of cola into the entire batch of cooled syrup. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Spoon into dishes and garnish with chopped cherries.

Coconut Lime Shaved Ice

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- Zest of 2 limes
- Cream of coconut, to drizzle

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar, water, lime juice and lime zest. Heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow the mixture to cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. To use with shaved ice, drizzle a bit of the syrup over a cone or bowl of ice, then drizzle cream of coconut over the top.

Granita option: Stir another 1 1/2 cups of water and 1/2 cup lime juice into the entire batch of chilled syrup. Pour the mixture into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Gently fold and swirl 1/2 cup cream of coconut into the mixture, then scoop into bowls or glasses to serve.

Mocha Shaved Ice

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons instant coffee granules
- 1 cup water
- Shaved chocolate, to garnish

1. In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the sugar, cocoa powder, instant coffee and water. Whisk until the sugar and instant coffee dissolve. Remove from the heat and strain the mixture through a fine mesh strainer. Allow to cool completely. Refrigerate until ready to use.

2. To use with shaved ice, stir the syrup then drizzle a bit over a cone or bowl of ice, then garnish with shaved chocolate.

Granita option: Stir another 2 1/2 cups of water into entire batch of cooled syrup. Pour into a 9-by-13-inch pan and freeze. Every 20 minutes, use a fork to scrape and stir the mixture until it is firm with small ice crystals. Spoon into dishes and garnish with shaved chocolate.

Liquid Assets

London beer and Olympic watching

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Unless they make chug-a-lugging an Olympic sport, the only torch I'll ever carry is for that brunette I had the hots for in university.

I do love London and can't think of a better place to watch our athletes compete — on TV from the comfort of one of the city's old school pubs.

They take drinking beer very seriously in England, with a pint of almost every variety of ale tracing its roots back to somewhere in the United Kingdom.

While the taps advertising huge multinational producers dominate modern London's liquor landscape, you can still get a glass of local brew at the public houses owned by individual breweries.

Fuller's is the city's oldest, having pumped out suds in its Chiswick brewery since 1845. Its soft, smooth and creamy London Pride Ale (500 ml, $2.80 - $3.44) is, well, the pride of London. I'm partial to its Organic Honey Dew Ale (500 ml, $3.35 - $3.95), an all-natural, lightly malty creation with a subtle bitterness and just a touch of bee juice.

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Ladies, brace yourselves

Il Divo is coming back to the MTS Centre on July 31. This world-renowned classical quartet has more than 150 gold and platinum records in 33 countries, and the group was recently named Artist of the Decade at the Classic Brit Awards. Seriously, you don't get much bigger than that. Justin Bieber, eat your heart out.

The Forks

Dancing with the Forks

No plans Sunday night? Then head down to the Forks and get ready to bust a hip … I mean, move! Bring a dance partner and get ready to break a sweat as you move 'n' groove to live Latin music in the heart of the Forks Market. If you don't know how to salsa, go anyway, since dance lessons are free. Music kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and the dance party goes until 10 p.m. Remember … no one puts baby in the corner!

The Billabong

Get Down Under in the 'Peg

That's right, Billabong Bar and Bistro serves up lip-smacking Aussie fare at 121 Osborne St. Chef David McCall and owner Peter Keating have created a dynamic menu that will please even the pickiest of eaters. Crocodile, kangaroo and, of course, shrimp on the barbie are just a few of the classic Aussie dishes available at Billabong. Check out their lounge, where you can eat Aussie-inspired snacks.

Mamma Mia!

"Here I go again, my, my, why can't I resist you?" The Abba-inspired musical Mamma Mia is in town with its first show at the Centennial Concert Hall July 28 at 2 p.m. Fan reviews for this musical are stellar — most of them saying they wanted to get up off their seat and dance. Yep, Mamma Mia is officially the musical that won't die, so just give in already.

WINNIPEG 25 FRINGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Get your Fringe on

It's not too late to enjoy an avant-garde performance at Winnipeg's acclaimed annual Fringe Festival, running until July 29. You'll be entertained by talented and unique performance artists, actors and singers. The must-see shows this weekend include After Lives, The Agony and Ecstasy of Steve Jobs, and Lady Skits. And the best part? Kids get in free!

SINK YOUR TEETH INTO THIS

MEET DOG THE BOUNTY HUNTER DURING TEEN CHALLENGE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

Duane (The Dog) Chapman: Author, motivational speaker, and star for eight seasons of the hit reality show Dog the Bounty Hunter is coming to Winnipeg Friday, July 27. He will be delivering the keynote address at Dog Days of Summer, a family-friendly event supporting Teen Challenge.

Teen Challenge is a non-profit, inter-denominational program operating in 82 countries. Funded by donations, it provides faith-based residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation to those who need it, along with spiritual, academic, and vocational training. A portion of all ticket sales for Dog Days of Summer will go toward Teen Challenge.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with a Family Fun Day, featuring skateboard and BMX bike demonstrations, and a paintball target range. Hear the roar of Lone Star Harley-Davidson Motorcycles as they showcase some of their best rides on the road.

There is also a "car smash," which is exactly what it sounds like — you and your family members can pay for a chance to hammer an old car into a scrap. It's a great way to unwind after a long week.

Family Fun Day lasts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchasers of VIP tickets will then have the opportunity to meet Chapman, who will be signing autographs from 5:30-7 p.m. Bring your favourite Dog the Bounty Hunter book or memorabilia item to have it autographed.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Dog Days of Summer's Family Fun Day is an outdoor event, taking place on the south side of the Victoria Inn Hotel and Conference Centre. Regular tickets are $40 for all attendees; VIP tickets are $100. Tickets are available at the door, or online through Zerona Canada. For more information, visit the event website at shownomercy.ca.

Chapman will take the stage for his keynote address at 7:30 p.m. He will entertain you with stories of his life as one of the world's most successful bounty hunters — and he has a lot of them, having captured more than 6,000 fugitives over a 27-year career.

Chapman will also inspire you with his personal story, which includes time in a Texas state penitentiary and recovery from drug and alcohol abuse.

The mission of Teen Challenge is one Chapman feels strongly about.

The keynote address will include an open mic, meaning you will have a chance to ask Chapman your own questions about bounty hunting, stardom, and personal redemption.

Dog Days of Summer is sponsored by Zerona Canada, Whispering Pines Addiction Treatment Centre, Lone Star Harley-Davidson, CIAS, Paladin Security, Evolution Presentation Technologies, Ltd., and Metro.

"We couldn't be more grateful for our sponsors' support," says Kurt Wittin, producer of the event. "Dog Days of Summer is going to make a big difference for a lot of people — but without our sponsors, none of it could happen."

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SPORTS 4

Winnipeg Blue Bomber Alex Hall grabs hold of Edmonton Eskimos quarterback Steven Jyles in Winnipeg on Thursday. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombers down Esks to crack win column

CFL. 29,533 fans at home opener aid Winnipeg in ending four-game losing streak

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers took advantage of a raucous home crowd Thursday, scoring their first win of the season with a 23-22 defeat of the Edmonton Eskimos.

The 29,533 Bombers fans screamed and smacked sticks together for a deafening roar as quarterback Steven Jyles struggled to keep the Eskimos offence moving.

The Eskimos (3-2) helped the Winnipeg cause with some costly penalties late in the fourth quarter that sapped their forward momentum and took them out of field-goal range.

Jyles moved back into range but his fumble on Winnipeg's 28-yard line with seconds remaining sealed the Blue Bombers' win.

It was a complete turnaround from their last meeting when the Eskimos pummelled the Bombers 42-10.

The Bombers (1-4) got a big lift on the final play of the first half when quarterback Alex Brink found Chris Matthews on a jump ball in the endzone from 40 yards out. Winnipeg went into halftime trailing 14-10.

Thursday's game

Blue Bombers	Eskimos
23	22

Edmonton seemed to gain some offensive momentum in the third, scoring another touchdown just over three minute in when Jyles hit an open Fred Stamps with a 47-yard pass. But a flukey play late in the quarter went Winnipeg's way as Mike Renaud's blocked punt ended up in the hands of Bombers defensive back Jeremy McGee, who took it 23 yards for a first down.

Simpson carried it over the line a few plays later to end the quarter with the Eskimos ahead just 21-18.

The Bombers then closed to within one early in the fourth when Edmonton punter Burke Dales had to concede a safety.

Winnipeg then took the lead on a 27-yard field goal by Justin Palardy at 9:09.

A punt to the endzone brought the Eskimos within one but Jyles couldn't close the gap on the late drive.

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Baseball

Capitales shut the door on Fish

In the end the Quebec Capitales were just too much for the Winnipeg Goldeyes.

The Fish were swept in their three-game series with the Capitales, losing 5-0 at Shaw Park Thursday afternoon in front of 5,456. In total, Quebec outscored Winnipeg 20-5 in the series.

Quebec got on the board early when a single by Rene Leveret brought home Jonathan Malo to put them up 1-0 in the top of the first.

Winnipeg gave up another run in the fourth when Josue Peley hit a double to bring home Leveret.

The Capitales took over the game in the seventh, bringing in three more runs to go up 5-0.

Quebec starting pitcher Jeff Duda pitched a full seven innings, striking out nine Goldeyes batters and not allowing any runs on six hits.

The Goldeyes gave up five runs on 11 hits and committed two errors in the game. Winnipeg falls to 37-27 on the season and starts a four-game series with the Sioux Falls Pheasants Friday at 7 p.m. at Shaw Park.

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NHL

Hurricanes sign sniper Semin

The Carolina Hurricanes signed sniper Alexander Semin to a $7-million US, one-year deal Thursday.

Semin had 21 goals and 33 assists with the Washington Capitals last season.

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SOMETHING'S STILL MISSING IN SWAGGERVILLE

Blue Bombers missing retired defensive lineman; victory at old club must be on mind of Argos coach; and Lions should side with punishing Khalif Mitchell for hyper-extending opponents arm

CFL EXTRA POINTS
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Winnipeg Blue Bombers: Doug Brown's retirement might have had a greater negative effect on the Bombers defence than first thought. Despite the veteran presence of Jonathan Hefney and Jovon Johnson, the Blue have been easy to play against in 2012. That's certainly a switch from last season when the Bombers D developed a well-deserved reputation as the league's cockiest group.

Toronto Argonauts: Argos head coach Scott Milanovich is trying to downplay his return to Montreal this weekend, where he coached for five seasons. The former Als offensive co-ordinator claims he's too focused on the game to fret over coming back to his old stomping grounds, but you have to think Milanovich would love to steal two points from old boss Marc Trestman.

Hamilton Tiger-Cats: Henry Burris has erased any notion that he's past his prime as a CFL QB with 360 yards passing and four touchdowns last week that earned him the CFL's offensive-player-of -the-week honours. The Tiger-Cats pivot completed 27 of 30 passes against Montreal, tying him with Jason Maas for the fifth-best single-game completion percentage (90) in CFL history.

Montreal Alouettes: We might finally be witnessing the long-predicted decline of the Alouettes, who appear unable to win on the road and have allowed an atrocious 139 points in just four games. They pulled off a miracle comeback to beat Calgary and could very well be sitting 1-3 heading into Week 5.

B.C. Lions: Lions defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell has the right to appeal his two-game suspension as part of the CFLPA's bargaining agreement with the league. But shouldn't the Lions management (Wally Buono) have stepped in and made it clear he needs to take his medicine or face a team suspension of similar length for hyper-extending the arm of Eskimos offensive lineman Simeon Rottier last Friday?

Saskatchewan Roughriders: Not everyone is onside with Regina's decision to construct a new $278-million, 33,000-seat football stadium for the Riders. Despite a $100-million loan from the province, an $80-million grant, and the city's $73-million contribution toward the construction of the facility, Riders fans will still be tagged with a $12.50 service charge per game, ramping up the cost of already pricey Roughriders tickets.

Mobile sports

In an off-season marked by Junior Seau's suicide and scores of lawsuits over brain injuries, the NFL on Thursday launched a comprehensive wellness program for current and retired players. Some welcomed the program as long overdue while those leading the NFL concussion litigation said the latest program lends credence to lawsuits against the league. Scan the code for the story.

London calling: Let the Games begin

Canadian diver Jennifer Abel practises in London on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian diver Meaghan Benfeito waves during a training session on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's Milos Raonic practises at Wimbledon on Thursday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swimmers practise at the Aquatics Centre at Olympic Park in London on Thursday. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympics by statistics

London will be the first city ever to host three Olympic Games (1908, 1948 and 2012). Here are a few impressive numbers from 2012.

302 EVENTS

35 SPORTS

204 NATIONS

Athletes
10,490

Foreign visitors
5 million

Projected ticket sales
9 million

TV spectators
4 billion

Ticket prices

Athletics	$31-$1,150
Basketball	$31-$675
BMX cycling	$31-$198
Gymnastics (artistic)	$31-$715
Soccer	$31-$293
Judo	$31-$198
Table tennis	$31-$198
Weightlifting	$31-$277

Opening ceremony. Performance comes before partying for many Canadian athletes

Canadian swimming star Mark Tewksbury watched the opening ceremony of the 1992 Barcelona Olympics from the cafeteria of the athletes' village.

Tewksbury, who won gold at those Games in the 100-metre backstroke, was hoping to get a leg-up on the competition by saving his legs from what he knew would be a long and physically taxing night.

"I got to the cafeteria and my main competitors were all there watching on TV too," said Tewksbury, Canada's chef de mission at the London Games. "But it was OK. I won it by six one hundredths so who knows? That might have been the six hundredths I would have lost."

Many of Canada's athletes are skipping Friday's opening ceremony, some because they're competing the next day, others because they're housed in locations that are too far a trek from the stadium.

"Some people really get lifted by it and some people think the physical drain is too much," Tewksbury said. "It's a personal choice."

"The whole point of the Olympics is performance. That's the memory you want to take for the rest of your life and you've still got the closing (ceremony). The closing is there and it's really the athletes' ceremony. It's awful to walk in an opening and regret it because it impacted your performance."

The ceremony at Olympic Stadium, directed by Danny Boyle — the Oscar-winning director of Slumdog Millionaire — are scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. local time and end at midnight. Most of the athletes will be able to walk back to their housing, which is adjacent to Olympic Park, but it still puts them back at the village as late as 12:30 a.m.

Triathlon athlete Simon Whitfield of Victoria will lead Canada into the ceremony as the team's flag-bearer. They are expected to leave the village at 9 p.m. and enter Olympic Stadium at 10:15.

Canada's swim team won't march in the ceremony, meaning freestyler Brent Hayden will be three-for-three in giving the Olympic opening ceremony a pass.

"It's always kind of team policy that if you're competing within the first few days you tend to skip just because you're not going to get to bed at a reasonable hour," Hayden said. "Standing up for hours on end, tiring your legs out is not necessarily the best thing to do before a competition. We all wish we could be there. We are all very patriotic and we would just love to be able to walk into the stadium with our country, waving our flags, but we're here to compete."

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Quoted

"It's one of those things. All my friends (ask) 'What is it like to walk in the opening ceremonies?' I don't know."

Freestyle swimmer Brent Hayden

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Quick turnaround

Several thousand athletes from 204 countries will take part in the ceremony.

- The International Olympic Committee has pressed London organizers to make sure the show doesn't run late so that athletes can get to bed at a reasonable hour.
- There are medal events Saturday in archery, fencing, cycling, judo, shooting, swimming and weightlifting.
- Canada's rowing team will hold its own opening celebration — with the athletes all dressed in their ceremony outfits — at its hotel near the rowing venue. Rowing begins Saturday, with the first boats scheduled to push off the start line at 9:30 a.m.

Canadian flag-bearer Simon Whitfield THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tennis. Raonic looks to Great One for Olympic advice

Canada's Milos Raonic knew exactly who to talk to for a little guidance ahead of his first Olympic experience.

The rising tennis star said he met up with Wayne Gretzky last winter in Los Angeles and chatted about the London Games while out for dinner.

"He told me that the competition is a big thing for sure, but he said the most special thing was meeting other athletes and just learning from them and hearing different stories," Raonic said Thursday.

Gretzky played for Canada at the 1998 Games in Nagano and served as the executive director of the men's hockey team at the next two Winter Olympics.

Raonic said he was in L.A. for training when he got connected with Gretzky through a friend of a friend. He said The Great One told him to make sure he savours the Olympic experience.

"I think he's won pretty much every single thing," Raonic said. "And the fact that the Olympics means that much I think shows how grand the event is."

Considering the strong singles field in London, it would be a big surprise if Raonic reached the podium. However, he has recorded some impressive wins this year and shown that he belongs on court with the game's top players. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Round 1

Raonic had a breakthrough season on the ATP Tour in 2011.

- The hard-serving 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., has won two tournaments this season and is ranked No. 25 in the world.
- Raonic will meet world No. 69 Tatsuma Ito of Japan in the first round. The complete schedule has not been finalized but play is slated to begin Saturday.

Canadians bringing swagger to the pool

Swimming. Expectations running high for team after struggles in past Games

Canada's Julia Wilkinson practises in London on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's swimmers are demanding more of themselves at the Summer Olympics.

After no medals in 2004 and one bronze in 2008, Canada's team of 33 athletes is targeting three medals and swimmers in 13 to 15 finals in London.

"It's completely different," backstroker Julia Wilkinson said Thursday. "Four years ago, it was 'We hope we can make some finals.'

"Now it's 'Who is going to be the first one to win a medal?' We've kind of come in with this swagger and we believe we can do it."

As though to punctuate her point, the Stratford, Ont., swimmer had her nails painted red, white and gold this week.

Swimming starts Saturday and runs for eight days. The open-water races, which are ten-kilometre swims, will be contested in the second week.

Victoria's Ryan Cochrane prevented a second straight shutout in the pool in Beijing when he won bronze on the last day of competition. Wilkinson was about to race a relay and recalls she and her teammates were stunned to tears by Cochrane's medal.

There will be no shock and awe this time, according to the head of Swimming Canada.

"I don't have a crystal ball," said chief executive officer Pierre Lafontaine. "I can tell you the Canadian kids in our lanes are going to walk pretty tall and they're going to feel they belong in that pool. They're not going to get intimidated by much." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Heat wave

Organizers are attempting to address complaints over excessive heat inside the Olympic Aquatics Centre.

- Temperatures around the pool have soared over 30 C during a heat wave.

Track-and-field

Bolt says he's been slowed by bad back

Usain Bolt finally confessed there has been something wrong. It was his back.

The Olympic champion said Thursday a bad back has been causing him hamstring problems, leading to a pair of losses to training partner Yohan Blake at the Jamaican trials.

"It was a slight problem. I got that fixed and I'm ready to go," Bolt said in his first formal media appearance of the London Games, where he was given the honour of carrying his country's flag at Friday's opening ceremony.

Bolt lost to Blake twice at the recent Jamaican trials in both the 100 and his favoured 200 metres. The setbacks fuelled speculation that he was injured but haven't dampened expectation that he will retain his 100 and 200 gold medals.

Bolt also dismissed talk that he had been training away from TV cameras and reporters at the Jamaican team camp in central England because he is injured.

"I'm always ready," he said. "It's all about the championship. It's never about the trials, everyone knows that. My coach doesn't like the cameras. He likes to keep me away from the cameras."

Bolt was scheduled to appear alongside Blake and other athletes at the event in the heart of east London, but travel problems held some of them up, the Jamaican Olympic Association said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usain Bolt in London on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Boyle-ing over with anticipation

Officials want details of the $42.7-million London Olympics opening ceremony to be a secret, but director Danny Boyle has already disclosed select details. Here are four to watch out for on Friday:

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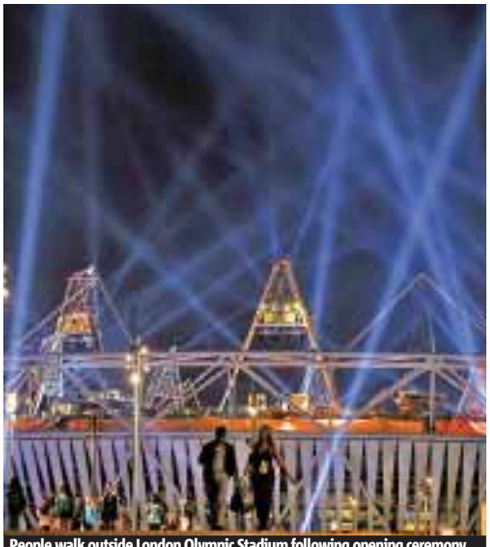

People walk outside London Olympic Stadium following opening ceremony rehearsal on Thursday. JEFF J MITCHELL/GETTY IMAGES

Boyle's sweeping vision

The ceremony's mastermind, filmmaker Danny Boyle, has stressed that the three-hour show will take viewers on a sweeping journey through Britain's history, one that captures the nation's identity, values and heritage, as well as its present and future. In their own ways, each of the elements represents some aspect of Englishness — though some in quirkier ways than others.

2 Un-baah-lievable opening co-stars

Seventy sheep are set to star in the ceremony, alongside 12 horses, 10 chickens and three sheep dogs. Pastoral life has long been romanticized by British writers and at every patriotic event, Britons belt out the glories of "England's pleasant pastures" to William Blake's anthem Jerusalem.

Maypoles

Each of Great Britain's four nations — England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland — will be represented by a maypole topped with their national flowers. A pagan folk symbol, the maypole is still commonly erected in British villages during May Day celebrations (as well as elsewhere in Europe) to celebrate the return of warmer weather.

4 Bond-ing Britain with the world

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Forget about your people skills today and do what feels right to you personally. The more you make an effort to be nice to certain individuals, the more likely it is they will take it as a sign of weakness.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever has caused you to subdue your feelings and become a bit emotionally distant in recent days, you are advised not to take it too seriously. The Earth turns and everything will look different, and better, tomorrow.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Adopt a no-nonsense nature today, especially when dealing with people whose negative attitudes can drive you to despair. The more they try to convince you that something terrible is happening, the more you should laugh at them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
There is no point getting caught in a battle of wills with someone in a position of power. They will win and you will lose, it's that simple. Let them call the shots.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Cosmic activity in your own sign encourages you to believe that you can do anything. But you will accomplish more in the long-term if you focus on one particular talent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You know it pays to be honest but because you are uncertain how some people might react if you tell them the truth, you are reluctant to open your mouth. That's a mistake. They need your input, so speak up.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It may annoy you that certain people don't take your ideas seriously but it's their loss. There are options open to you now — and you don't need anyone's help but your own.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Why are you so reluctant to take the advice of a friend? Most likely it's because you don't want to admit that you made the wrong choice. But what's the big deal? You're human like everyone else.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may need to force yourself to be enthusiastic about what you are expected to do, but it's an effort worth making. The better the job you do, the more likely it is you will be offered something more interesting later on.

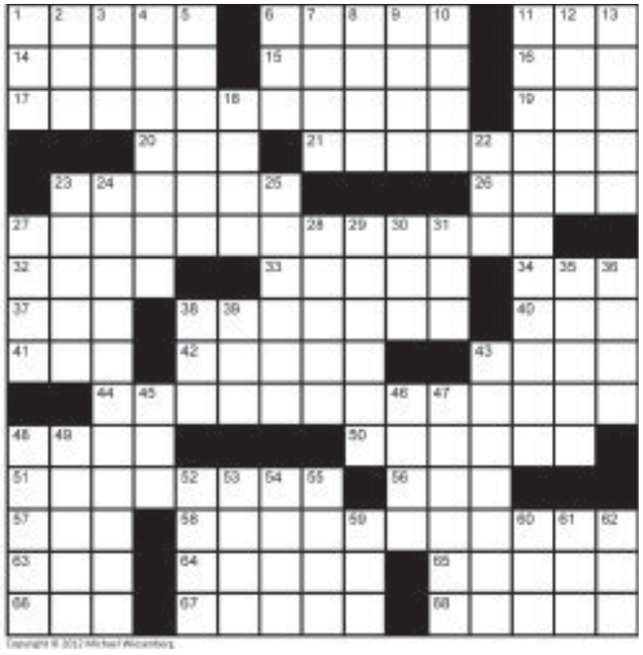
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your confidence may not be up to its usual levels at the moment but it's not the end of the world. If you encounter the kind of opposition that makes you feel uncomfortable, just back off a bit. You've got plenty of time.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Admit it: You have bitten off more than you can chew and now you are looking around for a way out. Well, that's too bad because there isn't one. Do the best you can and live with the consequences.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will let someone know that you don't want to argue but they are hell bent on having it out with you. In which case you might as well tell them what you really think. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Sports

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Give a quick welcome
6. Ascend
11. Cable chan. for old films
14. Condescending type
15. Export from Côte d'Ivoire
16. A Gershwin
17. Regina CFL team
19. US Republicans
20. US amateur-sports gp.
21. *Le Rouge et le Noir* author
23. Bola hurler
26. Sermon's end?
27. Alberta hockey team
32. Man or Capri
33. Agitate a liquid
34. Monitor, for short
37. Able, jocularly
38. Where to find Kingston
40. Fish eggs
41. Ring around the Islands
42. "You ___ one"
43. Word on a greasy spoon's marquee
44. Former MLB team from Québec
48. ___ Jet
50. More flexible
51. Airy
56. Memo letters
57. Hawaiian tuna
58. Winnipeg team
63. Bewilderment
64. "This ___ a laughing matter"
65. ___ Boingo: Danny Elfman's former group
66. "Pipe down!"
67. "Ready, ___!"
68. Modern treaty violation

Down
1. Map abbr. before 1991
2. Part of a University of Ottawa cheerleader's request
3. Not me
4. The most popular scale of model railway in the world
5. *Odyssey* setting
6. MV/V
7. Early Beatles, affectionately
8. Rapper who acts on *Law & Order: S.V.U.*
9. Arabian mother
10. Cap'n's mate
11. Fix
12. Native of Zagreb
13. With 48-Down, Toronto team
18. German industrial center
22. Darin's love
23. Canada's ___ Bay
24. Mercury record
25. Blue ___ Cult
27. French sky
28. Scathing online criticism
29. "Because I'm worth it" brand
30. Faulkner's ___ *Lay Dying"*
31. Electrical unit that forms another unit upon reversal
35. Wind turbine part
36. Dick Tracy's Truehart
38. Ball or bass following
39. Alta. neighbor
43. Art show
45. It comes out of the ground
46. Accounting acronym
47. Earlier form of a word
48. See 13-Down
49. Set of cultural values
52. Pitcher stats
53. On the other hand
54. Dorothy's Em
55. Carroll of old *TV's Topper*
59. "Takin' Care of Business" band
60. Québec-to-Montréal dir.
61. Abbreviated linemen
62. Drunkard

Yesterday's crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

8			4		7			
6	4						3	7
	7			1		2		
	1		3	5				8
		9				4		
5				7	4		2	
		8		2			1	
3	6						9	2
			6		9			3

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	2	7	5	4	6	8	9	1
4	9	5	2	8	1	6	3	7
1	8	6	9	7	3	4	2	5
6	5	8	7	3	9	2	1	4
9	3	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
7	4	1	8	6	2	3	5	9
8	6	9	1	2	7	5	4	3
2	1	4	3	5	8	9	7	6
5	7	3	6	9	4	1	8	2

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